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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This invention relates to a dispensing device for substances including personal care, cosmetics, and medicinal substances is described. The device dispenses a metered amount of a substance by actuation of a push button which indirectly contacts an advancable shaft, thereby driving a piston to push the substance from a reservoir into an applicator. The device can be operated in one hand of a person and is devoid of any twist or rotation mechanism.

As authorized and encouraged under 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.99, applicant hereby cites as a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the following patents and/or documents, copies enclosed, which the Examiner should consider with respect to the above-identified United States Patent Application:

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2,609,093	September 2, 1952	Lynn
2,771,858	November 27, 1956	Cribbs et al.
3,338,397	August 29, 1967	Noyack et al.
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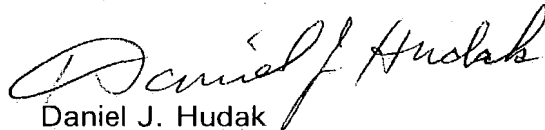
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An examination of the present application considering the above documents is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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